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SUBJECT: ESTATE OF HOWARD HUGHES

1. DEPT RECEIVED LETTER MARCH 28 FROM AUDITOR BURL
BAHER REQUESTING INFORMATION ON POSSIBLE GCOB ENTRY
AND WORK PERMIT REQUIREMENTS. RELEVANT PORTIONS OF
LETTER FOLLOW: QUOTE:

A. THE STATE OF TEXAS COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS
INTENDS TO SEND TWO (2) AUDITORS TO FREEPORT, GRAND
BAHAMAS TO MAKE A VISUAL INSPECTION OF THE XANADU HOTEL
AND AN EXAMINATION OF THE PERSONAL ACCOUNTING RECORDS
OF THAT ENTITY.

B. THE INSPECTION OF THIS PROPERTY IS NECESSARY TO
SUPPORT AND DOCUMENT A VALUE OF THE PROPERTY WHICH
WILL BE USED IN AN INHERITANCE TAX DETERMINATION FOR
THE STATE OF TEXAS OF THE ESTATE OF HOWARD R. HUGHES, JR.

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C. THIS VISIT WILL BE MADE WITH THE CONSENT OF THE
PROPERTY OWNERS AND WILL NOT REQUIRE ANY CONTACT WITH
THE BAHAMIAN GOVERNMENT. THE TIME PERIOD WILL
BE APRIL 22 THROUGH APRIL 29, 1978.

D. PLEASE FIND OUT IF THE BAHAMIAN GOVERNMENT WILL

REQUIRE US TO GET THE FOLLOWING: VISA, PASSPORT,
WORK PERMIT, ANY OTHER ITEMS. END QUOTE.

2. GCOB AMBASSADOR JOHNSON HAS ADVISED DEPT THAT
VISA AND PASSPORT WOULD NOT BE REQUIRED, BUT
THAT GCOB MIGHT REQUIRE PAYMENT OF \$2,000 FEE FOR
"WORK PERMIT" FOR THE AUDITORS.

3. ACTION REQUESTED:
EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO DETERMINE GCOB REQUIREMENTS,
IF ANY, AND ADVISE BURL BAHER DIRECTLY BY TELEGRAM
ASAP. BAHER'S ADDRESS IS:

COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS
STATE OF TEXAS
PO BOX 12802
AUSTIN, TEXAS 78711

(PHONE: 512/475-1637) COOPER

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